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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, SO, ET, XG
SUBJECT: WESTERN ARMS FOR SOMALIA

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1.FRENCH DCM CALLED ON POLITICAL COUNSELOR FEBRUARY 21
TO DISCUSS FRENCH CONCERN OVER REPORTS OF MASSIVE SHIPMENTS
OF WEAPONS TO SOMALIA. HE REFERRED TO RECENT STATEMENT
BY AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG THAT 60 AXM TANKS HAD BEEN
ACQUIRED BY SOMALIA FROM SAUDI ARABIA AND ASKED WHERE
YOUNG HAD GOTTEN HIS INFORMATION. POL COUN SAID THAT HE
HAD NOT SEEN TEXT OF YOUNG STATEMENT AND DID NOT KNOW
WHAT HE BASED IT ON. HOWEVER, OUR INTELLIGENCE SOURCES
INDICATED THAT THERE WERE INDEED AMX TYPE EQUIPMENT IN USE IN
SOMALIA, INCLUDING AMX-30 TANKS. POL COUN ALSO STATED
THAT MOSCOW RADIO HAS REPORTED THAT AMERICAN MILITARY
EQUIPMENT SOLD TO SAUDI ARABIA UNDER FMS CASE HAS BEEN
CAPTURED BY ETHIOPIANS IN OGADEN WITH PLAQUE ON IT IDEN-
TIFYING IT AS PROPERTY OF SAUDI MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND
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AVIATION.

2. FRENCH DCM SAID THAT FRENCH MILITARY ADVISORS IN
SAUDI ARABIA ATTEMPT TO KEEP A CLOSE TAB ON FRENCH EQUIP-
MENT IN KINGDOM AND THAT THEY HAVE NOT NOTED ANY SIGNI-
FICANT CHANGES IN INVENTORY. HOWEVER, IT IS QUITE POS-
SIBLE FOR ONE OR TWO OF VARIOUS TYPES OF EQUIPMENT TO BE

TRANSFERRED WITHOUT IT BEING NOTICED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING
TEXT OF YOUNG STATEMENT AND GUIDANCE ON HOW TO HANDLE
INQUIRIES.
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